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2000 Food and Drug Administration 37.2.2 *00 AUS 23 MD:30
5630 Fishers Lane, Room # 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Date: 08/18/00

Re: Docket No. 98F-0165 HFA-305: Irradiation in the Production,

Processing and Handling of Eggs

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you regarding the opposition of legalizing the irradiation of eggs, and I request that implementation of the new regulation be delayed and that a public hearing be held.

Irradiation of eggs is an intervention strategy, which fails to address primary causes of Salmonella enteritis- contaminated eggs. Irradiation falsely implies that eggs are inherently unwholesome products that can only be made "clean" and "safe" by complicated nutrient depleting technologies like irradiation.

Please consider the well being of these animals and do not expose them to such cruel and inhumane ways of living. I strongly urge you to take this matter seriously and stop this process. Farm animals deserve a humane life just as humans do. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Cathy Morris Atlanta, GA

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